जल संसाधन मंत्री और संसदीय कार्य मंत्री (श्री विद्याचरण शुक्ल): (क) हरियाणा सरकार ने हथनी-कुण्ड बराज के प्रारंभिक कार्यों पर 1865.11 लाख रुपए व्यय किए हैं;

(ख) जी नहीं, संशोधित परियोजना रिपोर्ट जून, 1994 में प्राप्त हुई है;

(ग) परियोजना रिपोर्ट के अनुसार, हथनीकुंड बराज के जून, 1997 तक पूरा किए जाने का कार्यक्रम है, काफी पुराने ताजेवाला बराज, जिसकी सुरक्षा के प्रति आशंका है, के स्थान पर इस बराज की परिकल्पना की गई है;

(घ) जी नहीं, हथनीकुंड बराज में विद्युत उत्पादन की परिकल्पना नहीं की गई है।

Schemes for Construction of Houses for Low Income Group

*288. SHRI AAS MOHAMMAD:
SHRI KANAKSINH MOHANSINH MANGROLA:

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the schemes drawn up for the construction of houses for low income group;

(b) the number of persons likely to be benefitted by theses schemes;

(c) whether Government are aware that the soaring prices of land in urban and semi-urban areas are much beyond the reach of the common man and if so, the steps Government propose to take to overcome this problem and to provide shelter to these people; and

(d) the funds earmarked for housing sector during Eighth Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI SHEILA KAUL): (a) and (b) Housing being a State subject, State Governments are responsible for the formulation and implementation of housing schemes for different income groups in accordance with their priorities and available resources. The progress of Low Income Group Housing Schemes in the States is monitored by the Central Government under the 20-Point Programme. As per informaiton made available by the State Governments in this connection, the progress achieved under LIG housing scheme since the 7th Five year Plan is as follows:

(Dewelling Units in lacs)

Plan Period	Target	Achieve-ment	per-centage
7th Plan	1.30	1.67	102.14
Annual Plan 1990-91	0.50	0.52	104.00
Annual Plan 1991-92	0.52	0.59	113.46
8th Plan1992-93	0.52	0.51	95.00
8th Plan1993-94	0.45	0.59	132.00
8th Plan1994-95	0.51	—	—

(c) Due to general inflationary trend and all-round cost escalation, the cost of housing, including cost of land in urban areas, has increased and the affordability of low income group households has accordingly been adversely affected. With a view to helping low income group households, housing finance is made available by HUDCO at subsidised rates of interest. Moreover the following steps have been taken to bring down the cost of housing units to make them affordable to low income category households:

(i) The State Governments have been addressed for effecting saving in construction cost of houses being put up by State housing agencies by incorporating cost effective alternate building materials and technologies.

(ii) To promote cost effective building materials and technologies on a decentralised basis, a National Network of Building Centres has been established.

(iii) The Building Materials and Technology Promotion Council (BMTPC) has been set up and this body and the Bureau of Indian Standards (BIS) have jointly formulated specifications on cost-effective building materials and technogues which have been incorporated in the schedules of CPWD. The State Government have been advised to incorporate these specifications in their PWD schedules.

(iv) To bring down the cost of new construction materials, including those manufactured from industrial wastes like flyash, phospohgypusm, etc. customs and excise duty concessions have been provided by the Government.

(d) The Eight Five Year Plan allocaiton for housing is Rs. 6377.02 crores, of which the state sector allocation is Rs. 3581.67 crores and the Central sector allocation is Rs. 2795.35 crores.

Educational and Vocational Institutions in Dadra and Nagar Haveli

*289. SHRI RAMCHANDRAN PILLAI:
SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE:

Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the fact that the children are being overburdened with heavy syllabus and what is the number of books in Primary and Secondary levels;

(b) what are the details of steps which Government are contemplating in this regard;

(c) what is the number of Primary, Secondary, Higher Secondary Schools, Degree and B.Ed. colleges, Polytechnics and other vocational institutions in Dadra and Nagar Haveli;

(d) what was the number of similar institutions in 1977 and what is their number of 1994;

(e) whether it is a fact that the people of Dadra and Nagar Haveli are demanding educaitonal institutions for B.Ed. and vocational colleges since long; and

(f) if so, what steps Government are planning to meet the demand?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) and (b) The curriculam framework and the syllabi for school stage are developed by NCERT and various State Boards use them with appropriate modificaitons. The NCERT have worked out the syllabi keeping in view the desirable level of attainment and load of curriculam. The NCERT syllabus envisages 2 books in classes I and II, 4 books in classes III to V, 7 books in classes VI to VIII and 12 books in classes IX and X. The physical load of such syllabi is not unduly heavy in semi-urban and rural areas. The Yashpal Committee which examined this quesiton in depth has pointed out the heavy load of curriculam in large urban areas. The Committee has pointed out that the real load on the student is of non-comprehension which arises out of unsatisfactory teaching-learning in each class beginning from Class 1. It has made a number of recommendations in regard to the syllabi and the textbooks. The recommendations have been examined and considered in the Central Advisory Board on Education and in the Ministry and a set of recommendations has been sent to the Boards and State Government for effecting reforms flowing from the Yashpal Committee Report.

(c) and (d): According to informaiton available in the Ministry, the number of primary, secondary, higher secondary schools, degree and B.Ed. colleges, polytechnics and vocational institutions at +2 in Dadra and Nagar Haveli in 1977 and in 1993 are as below:

Institutions	No. in 1977	No. in 1993
Primary/Middle	157	168
Secondary	03	08
Higher Secondary	01	07
Vocational (+2)	—	Vocational courses in 2 schools
Degree College	—	(The Govt. has approval opening of Polytechnic Polytechic during 1994-95)
B. Ed. College		

(e) and (f) Presently there is no proposal received from the UT Administration of Dadra & Nagar Haveli and pending consideration in the Ministry for setting up a B. Ed. college. It will be examined in reference to number of teachers requiring such facilities in the UT when any such proposal is received.

Revamping Examination System

*292. SHRI VIRENDRA KATARIA: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are contemplating to advise the Delhi University to revamp the examination system;

(b) if so, what are the broad features of the system and by when the new system will take effect;

(c) whether other universities in the country